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713 popular. A genuine one cost 40 to 45 *meǧidijjât* ($36-$40.50) and was imported chiefly from Egypt; an imitation, *taǧǧâ-*
435 *rijje*, which came from India, sold for 28 to 30 *meǧidijjât* 439
($25.20-$29). The *šêšâni* is a Turkish military rifle, a Martini; the *umm sunki* kind of *šêšâni* could be bought for 50-60 *meǧidijjât* ($45-$54), the *umm ḫufl* variety for 40-50 *meǧidijjât* ($36-$45). All modern rifles are called Mausers by the Bedouins. Breechloaders are not liked by the Rwala and the rifles fitted with breechblocks, *umm-ṭ-ṭbe'*, are less sought after than those without. The original Mausers, especially the Mannlichers, cost 50-60 *meǧidijjât* ($45-$54); the imitations, *taǧǧâri*, were sold for as much as 20 *meǧidijjât* ($18) less. All arms were brought from the seaports of Jidda or al-Kwejt. During my stay with Prince an-Nûri he was visited by six trade caravans with war munitions. One of the caravans numbered 210 camels carrying more than a thousand rifles with many thousand rounds of cartridges as well as much lead,
401 gunpowder, and many caps. In the camp of every tribe an
463 expert mechanic may be found, who can repair guns and manufacture cartridges.

702 From time to time both the sons and negroes of the chiefs practice shooting. Their target, *nišân*, generally is a black stone a stick with a kerchief tied to it, or an old piece of clothing. The best marksman is rewarded by the chief with the head of the first camel he slaughters. *Ramje*
713 (pl., *remi*) signifies a report, a shot. "*Bârûdi 'araft ramîka*" means "I know the reports of my rifle; "*w-allâh ramîka zên*," "she shoots well." A *binduḳ* is a *bârûd* rifle with a flintlock or caps and is always feminine.

Na' bindukem laṭpât fammiha jepebni
laha 'ala ḫaṭwo-l-mufammah mardmi.

A rifle, the reports of whose mouth help me to reach my aim
And whose shots are destined for many a feathered one.

The words for bullet are *ṭalâṭi*, *rbê'i*, *ḫmâsi*, *stîni* — the last being of the largest caliber. *Šêšâne*, or *šêšâne*, are old rifles whose barrels are five or six-angled on the inside. If the barrel is round, or at least smooth, it is called *ḫamra*. *Bindukijje* are men armed with *binduḳ* rifles.

411 Of the ancient weapons the spear, sword, saber, and
713 dagger still survive. The spear, *rumḥ*, consists of a steel or